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PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Information and Management Services Division Management Services Branch

Resolution No. M-4816 March 15, 2006

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION M-4816. Adopting Level of Public Utilities Commission Utilities Reimbursement Account Fees For Fiscal Year 2005-06

Section 431 of the Public Utilities Code provides:

"The commission shall annually determine a fee to be paid by every electrical, gas, telephone, telegraph, water, sewer system, and heat corporation and every other public utility providing service directly to customers and subscribers and subject to the jurisdiction of the commission other than a railroad, except as provided in Article 2 (commencing with Section 421)."

The Commission finds that, effective April 1, 2006, for fiscal year 2005-06, the Public Utilities Commission Utilities Reimbursement Account fees should be fixed as follows:

Electrical Corporations .012 ⊄/kWh Gas Corporations .076 ⊄/therm

Heat Corporations 1.4 ⊄/thousand lbs steam

Telephone and Telegraph Corporations .11% of revenue

Water and Sewer System Corporations 1.4% of revenue (.014)

The rates for Electrical and Gas Corporations are increased from zero to the above levels to return Public Utilities Commission Utilities Reimbursement Account reserves to an appropriate level. The rates for Heat, Telephone, Water and Sewer System Corporations are unchanged from the fiscal year 2004-05 rates.

For administrative efficiency, we will allow utilities that are subject to these reimbursement fees to file a revised tariff schedule in compliance with this resolution and in accordance with the provisions of G.O. 96-A within 10 days from the date of this Order. These advice letters shall become effective April 1, 2006.

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The estimated fund reserve at June 30, 2006, will be \$24,093,000. See Appendix A.

In compliance with Public Utilities Code Section 311(g), the Information and Management Services Division mailed a Notice of Availability to all gas and electric utilities, informing them that this draft resolution is available at the Commission's website http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/static/documents/index.htm and soliciting public comments by March 3, 2006. This Notice of Availability also informs parties of the availability of the conformed resolution, when adopted by the Commission, at the same website.

No comments on the draft resolution were received.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. For the fiscal year 2005-06, effective April 1, 2006, the fees provided for in Section 431 of the Public Utilities Code are hereby fixed at the following levels:

Electrical Corporations .012 $\not\subset$ /kWh Gas Corporations .076 $\not\subset$ /therm

Heat Corporations 1.4 ⊄/thousand lbs steam

Telephone and Telegraph Corporations .11% of revenue

Water and Sewer System Corporations 1.4% of revenue (.014)

- 2. For fiscal year 2005-06, utility fees are due July 15, October 15, January 15 and April 15.
- 3. Within 10 days from the date of this Order, the utilities subject to this Resolution shall file an advice letter with the applicable Industry Division to make all necessary tariff changes required by this Order. The advice letter shall be effective April 1, 2006, subject to the applicable Industry Division determining that it is in compliance with this Order.

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I hereby certify that the Public Utilities Commission adopted this Resolution at the meeting on March 15, 2006. The following Commissioners approved it:		

STEVE LARSON
Executive Director

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APPENDIX A

FUND CONDITION

0462 – PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION UTILITIES REIMBURSEMENT ACCOUNT

Actual Reserve, June 30, 2005	\$66,809,000
Estimated 2005-06 Revenues:	
Quarterly Fees	\$38,257,000
Sale of Documents	23,000
Income from Surplus Money Investments	1,160,000
Total, Revenues	\$39,440,000
Transfers From Other Funds:	
Propane Safety Fund	164,000
Transfers To Other Funds:	
PUC Ratepayer Advocate Account	-18,379,000
Total Revenues and Transfers	\$21,225,000
Total Resources	\$88,034,000
2005-06 Expenditures:	
Public Utilities Commission	\$60,589,000
State Controller	5,000
Electricity Oversight Board	3,347,000
Total, Expenditures	\$63,941,000
Estimated Reserve, June 30, 2006	\$24,093,000